Medical Respite Care and Fertility Treatment for Individuals Diagnosed with Cancer Public Hearings

The Utah Department of Health, Division of Medicaid and Health Financing (DMHF), will hold public hearings to discuss two amendments to the State's 1115 Demonstration Waiver. The Department will also accept public comment regarding the demonstration amendments during the public comment period from November 1, 2021 to December 15, 2021.

The DMHF is requesting authority to implement provisions of House Bill 192 "Fertility Treatment Amendments", which passed during the 2021 Utah Legislative General Session. This amendment seeks approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to expand Medicaid coverage for fertility preservation for individuals diagnosed with cancer.

The DMHF is also requesting authority to implement provisions of House Bill 34 "Medical Respite Care Pilot Program", which passed during the 2021 Utah Legislative General Session. This amendment seeks approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to provide temporary medical respite care for homeless individuals covered under the Adult Expansion Medicaid program.

Public Hearings:

The Department will conduct two public hearings to discuss these demonstration amendments. The dates and times are listed below. Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, both public hearings will be held via video and teleconferencing.

- Monday, November 15, 2021 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm.
 - Video Conference: Google Hangout Meeting (only works in the Chrome web browser)
 meet.google.com/nft-sdrz-vib
 - Or join by phone: 1-413-489-4240 (PIN: 868 696 766#)
- Thursday, November 18, 2021, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, during the Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) meeting
 - Video Conference: Google Hangout Meeting (only works in the Chrome web browser) meet.google.com/bnd-mrsz-wjt
 - Or join by phone: 1-786-540-4282 (PIN: 722 472 380#)

Individuals requiring an accommodation to fully participate in either meeting may contact Laura Belgique at lbelgique@utah.gov or 1-801-538-6241 by 5:00 p.m. on November 11, 2021.

Public Comment:

A copy of the public notice and proposed amendments are available online at: https://medicaid.utah.gov/1115-waiver/

The public may comment on the proposed amendment requests during the public comment period from November 1, 2021 to December 15, 2021.

Comments may be submitted:

Online: https://medicaid.utah.gov/1115-waiver/

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